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Attachments: Protect Ward 5 - Harrison Comment 3.23.12
Harrison Comment Protect Ward 5 3.23.12!.pdf; Minneapolis_1935.pdf; 1935 Map.pdf
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March 23rd, 2012

c/o City Clerks Office
Room 304 City Hall
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Redistricting Group Members:

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There will be no equity until there is fair and just representation for people of color and low-income communities. The recent modification to the Southern Boundary of the 5th Ward, moving from legislative district line to neighborhood line, is a step backwards for fair and just representation. It also puts the Redistricting Group on record supporting an unjust dynamic in which the City of Minneapolis secures public financing for redeveloping Bassett Creek Valley by using 5th Ward racial disparities but then places these publicly owned lands – and the benefits of their redevelopment - within Ward 7. The decision by the Redistricting Group to alter the map was population neutral, however structurally undermines the voting power of a racially diverse community, eliminating their ability to secure representation of lands contiguous to their community. Be it further noted the land in question is only accessible through the 5th Ward.

The Redistricting Group action on March 22nd further consolidates control of important public assets and opportunity within Ward 7 an affluent community at the expense of a racially diverse and low-income Ward 5. There have been concerns raised regarding the health and economic viability of the 5th Ward. It is to the benefit of the entire city that contiguous opportunity areas that will provide needed housing and jobs be included in the 5th Ward.

We must deliberately break from past decision-making practices that contributed to the marginalization, isolation and disinvestment of the Near North area. Attached are two maps, one from 1935 and the other a color overlay of the 1935 map showing modern day neighborhood boundaries and location of highways. These two

maps illustrate what occurs when the well-being of people of color and low-income communities are not considered in decision-making processes.

The Harrison Neighborhood Association reiterates its previous request to: 1) Keep Harrison Whole! and 2) Keep Harrison in the 5th Ward! Harrison residents are deeply concerned about their vote being diluted and their ability to secure representation of their choice undermined.

This has been a long and complicated process. Substantial progress has been made to this point. It is important that we not backslide and accept business as usual. Your continued consideration of the significant implications of these decisions is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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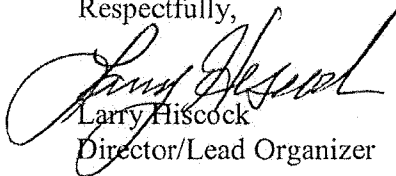
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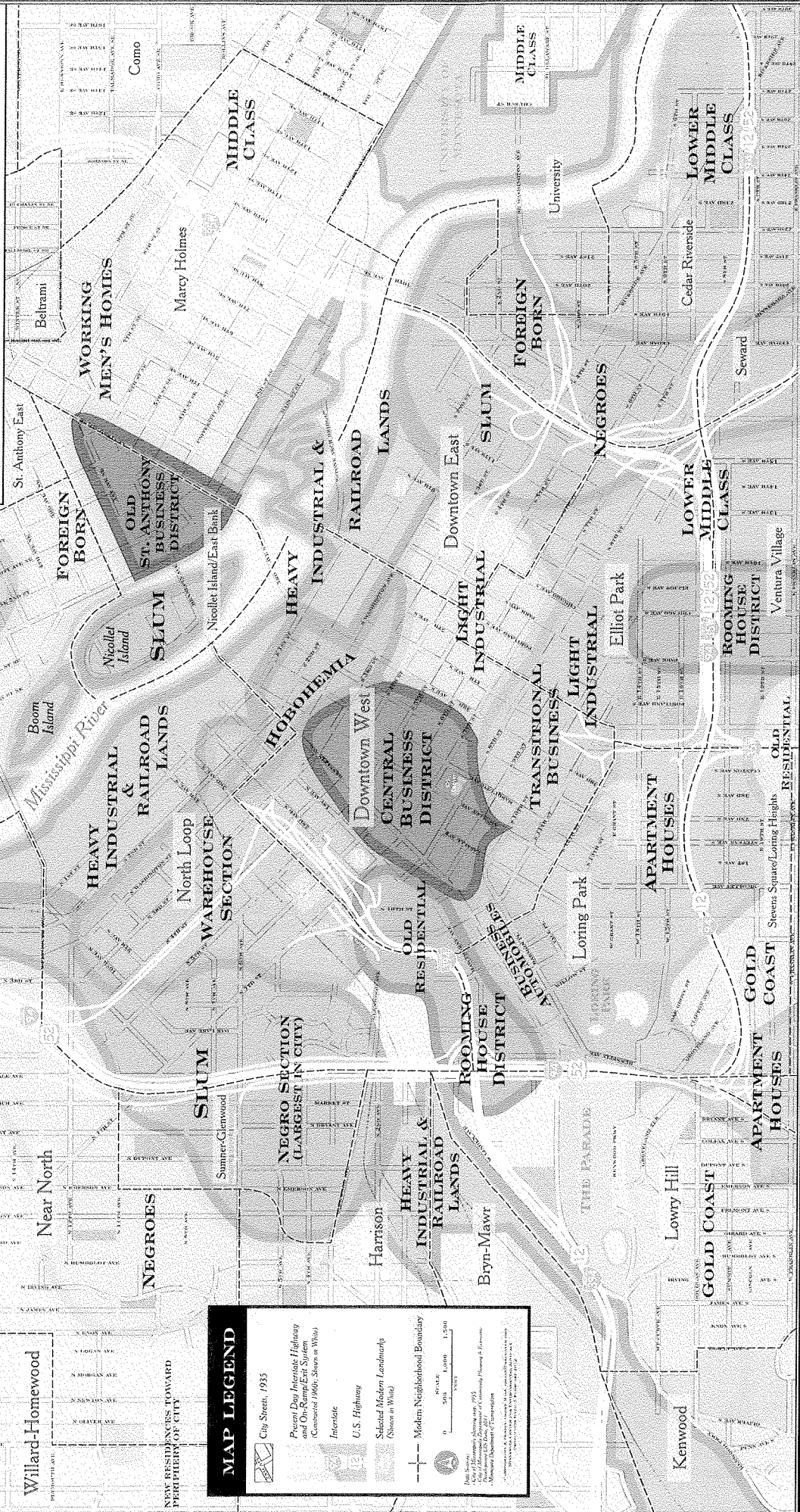
Land use and social delineation
of the Minneapolis core area,
1935.

CENTRAL MINNEAPOLIS 1935

A map showing district designations, street network and public parks (1935)
Also depicting modern neighborhood boundaries, Interstate Highways
and selected modern landmarks (2012)

PLANNING AREA DESIGNATIONS, 1935

| BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL DESIGNATIONS | RESIDENTIAL/OTHER DESIGNATIONS |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HEAVY INDUSTRIAL & RAILROAD LANDS | SLUM/HOBOHemia |
| WAREHOUSE DISTRICT | ROOMING HOUSE DISTRICT |
| TRANSITIONAL BUSINESS | LOWER MIDDLE CLASS |
| LIGHT INDUSTRIAL | WORKINGMEN'S HOMES |
| | PUBLIC PARKLAND |
| | UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CAMPUS |



MAP LEGEND

City Streets, 1935

Precinct and Interstate Highway and On-Ramp/Exit System (Consistent 1930; Shown in White)

Interstate

U.S. Highway

Selected Modern Landmarks (Shown in White)

Modern Neighborhood Boundary

Scale: 0 500 1,000 1,500 FEET

Map Source: Minneapolis Planning Department, 1935
City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning & Economic Development
Minneapolis Department of Transportation

NEW RESIDENCES TOWARD PERIPHERY OF CITY

Willard-Homewood

MIDDLE CLASS

Near North

NEGROES

SLUM

North Loop WAREHOUSE SECTION

HEAVY INDUSTRIAL & RAILROAD LANDS

FOREIGN BORN

WORKING MEN'S HOMES

LOWER MIDDLE CLASS

ST. ANTHONY WEST

ST. ANTHONY EAST

Beltrami

Como

MIDDLE CLASS

WORKING MEN'S HOMES

FOREIGN BORN

OLD ST. ANTHONY BUSINESS DISTRICT

Nicollet Island/East Bank

HEAVY INDUSTRIAL & RAILROAD LANDS

INDUSTRIAL & RAILROAD LANDS

SLUM

HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

INDUSTRIAL

SLUM

FOREIGN BORN

NEGROES

LOWER MIDDLE CLASS

ROOMING HOUSE DISTRICT

TRANSITIONAL BUSINESS

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

APARTMENT HOUSES

OLD RESIDENTIAL

GOLD COAST

APARTMENT HOUSES

Kenwood

Lowry Hill

THE PARADE

Bryn-Mawr

Harrison

NEURO SECTION (LARGEST IN CITY)

Summer-Glenwood

St. Anthony West

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Harrison

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